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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK AND BULGARIAN PARTICIPATION IN  
RESUPPLY OF ARMS TO ARABS

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN CALLED IN  
CZECHOSLOVAK DCM BUZEK (AMBASSADOR OUT OF TOWN) AND  
BULGARIAN CHARGE VELCHEV SEPARATELY OCTOBER 19 TO EXPRESS  
OUR CONCERN OVER PARTICIPATION OF THEIR COUNTRIES' AIRCRAFT  
IN RESUPPLYING OF ARMS TO ARAB STATES. SPRINGSTEEN SAID  
THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO STATE THAT  
THESE ACTIONS DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS AND WE HOPE THAT  
ALL COUNTRIES WILL EXERCISE A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE ON  
MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS. SPRINGSTEEN NOTED THAT THE US  
AND EACH OF THEIR COUNTRIES HAD TAKEN STEPS RECENTLY  
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TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT THAT ACTION SUCH AS  
THIS WAS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT.

2. SPRINGSTEEN FURTHER TOLD BUZEK THAT WE WERE DISMAYED

BY THE PUBLICATION IN THE PARTY NEWSPAPER "RUDE PRAVO"  
ON OCTOBER 18 OF SCURRILOUS AND COMPLETELY FALSE CHARGES  
THAT US PILOTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN BOMBING RAIDS IN SYRIA.  
AFTER READING SOME QUOTES FROM THE ARTICLE (SUPPLIED  
REFTEL) SPRINGSTEEN SAID SUCH CHARGES HAD BEEN CATEGORICALLY  
DENIED BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN A NEWS CONFERENCE ON  
OCTOBER 13, OF WHICH HE WAS SURE THE GOC WAS INFORMED.

3. BOTH BUZEK AND VELCHEV CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR  
GOVERNMENTS' PARTICIPATION IN RESUPPLY. BUZEK NOTED HE  
HAD NOT SEEN "RUDEPRAVO" ARTICLE. BOTH SAID THEY WOULD  
INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF OUR VIEWS. KISSINGER

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